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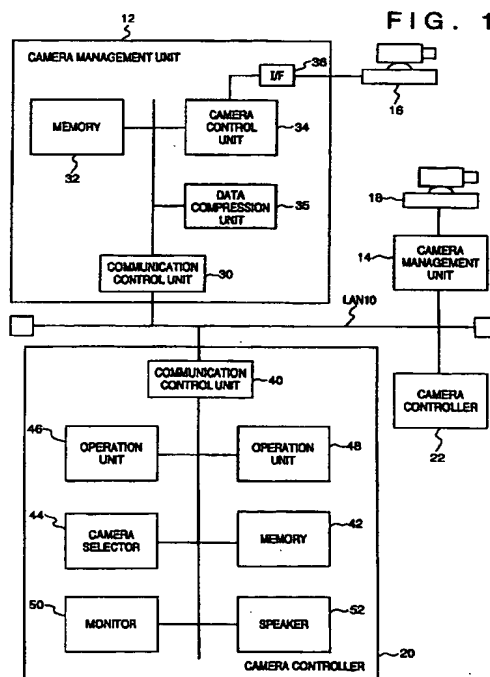
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(54) **Camera control system with variable frame rate**

(57) A camera control system for remotely controlling a camera has one or more camera management units (12,14) for managing one or more cameras (16,18) whose image-capture orientation and magnification are freely externally controlled, and one or more camera controllers (20,22) for controlling the cameras via the camera management units. When control of a camera is designated in the camera controller of this system, a frame-rate alteration request is issued by the camera controller. Upon receiving the frame-rate alteration request, the camera management unit enlarges the frame rate of video obtained from the camera and transfers the image data to the camera controller.





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